

Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or sweater, which is visible at the bottom right. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the light.

20. Prayer Is a Delight to God

Proverbs 15:8 "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight."

Meaning: The word "delight" means a pleasure or acceptance. God is pleased with prayers, specifically when they are offered by the upright. All the prayers of God's children are heard, but not all of them are pleasing to Him. Just as an earthly father is happy to answer the request of an obedient child, so our Heavenly Father delights in the prayers of His children who walk uprightly.

Application: Knowing that the prayer of the upright is His delight, should be a motive to be upright and to pray. God promised in I John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." Disobedience to God's Word breaks fellowship, while obedience to God's Word encourages it. The closer we are to God, the more of a delight our prayers are to Him, and the more apt they are to get answered!

Other Verses for Study: Psalm 2:8, 9; 27:8; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 6:6-8; Luke 11:9-13; John 4:23; James 5:16

1. In whose prayers does God delight? _____
2. What is the prerequisite for getting our prayers answered as mentioned in I John 3:22? _____
3. What breaks fellowship with God? _____

"Men would pray better if they lived better."